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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION MADRID INFO NATO, USDEL MC, CINCEUR,
USDOCOSOUTH FROM STATE APRIL 17, RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE:

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, SP

SUBJ: POSSIBLE SECDEF VISIT TO MADRID FOLLOWING JUNE
DPC MEETING

1. DEFENSE SECRETARY RICHARDSON PLANS TO VISIT CERTAIN
NATO CAPITALS AND U. S. FACILITIES IN EUROPE UPON CONCLUSION
OF JUNE DPC MEETING IN BRUSSELS. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE
CALLS FOR VISIT TO SPAIN ON 15 AND 16 JUNE.

2. PURPOSES OF TRIP WOULD BE TO MAKE SUCH REPRESENTATIONS
IN NATO CAPITALS VISITED AS MIGHT BE USEFUL IN FURTHERING
THE PRESIDENTIALLY APPROVED PROGRAM OF MEASURES TO BRING
ABOUT CLOSER SPAIN- NATO ASSOCIATION, AS WELL AS TO VISIT
MILITARY FACILITIES IN SPAIN (TORREJON AND ROTA) AND DIS-
CUSS STATUS OF U. S. - SPANISH MILITARY RELATIONS WITH
AMBASSADOR. SECRETARY RICHARDSON WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN
THE NORMAL POST- DPC BRIEFING, SINCE ACTUAL DEFENSE PORTION
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OF BRIEFING WOULD PROBABLY BE PROVIDED BY EITHER ASD (ISA)
OR DEFENSE ADVISOR TO NATO.

3. ABOVE DATES COINCIDE WITH SCHEDULE FOR NAC MEETING IN
COPENHAGEN. ALTHOUGH SECRETARY RICHARDSON DOES NOT PLAN
TO ATTEND THE NAC MEETING, INTERVENING DEVELOPMENTS (E. G.,
MBFR) COULD MAKE HIS PRESENCE THERE NECESSARY: HENCE,
TIMING OF VISIT TO SPAIN COULD BE ALTERED OR VISIT COULD
BE OMITTED. IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS, THEREFORE, VISIT TO
SPAIN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TENTATIVE BUT PROBABLE.

4. RECOGNIZING THAT GOS HAS NO DIRECT SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE COUNTERPART, AND WITH DUE REGARD FOR OUR LONGER
RANGE POLICY OBJECTIVES PERTAINING TO SPAIN AND NATO,
REQUEST EMBASSY'S THOUGHTS ON HOW VISIT MIGHT BE SPONSORED
AND WHAT CONTACTS WITH SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY
MIGHT BE MOST BENEFICIAL. ROGERS

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